

of note in considering recreational needs to insure that there are some activities for all ages. These and other considerations will be used in the forthcoming Maiden Community Facilities Plan.

These projected future population figures are somewhat optimistic in view of the actual population change for Maiden in recent decades, particularly in the period between 1950 and 1960. Also, the age groups projected could vary considerably if the 1950-60 trend of outmigration of younger people continues. However, there are indications that new trends are being established since 1960. The expansion of industry, the potential of the area for residential use due to the nearness of Lake Norman and the major population centers of Hickory and Charlotte, and the growth and development of the region due to major impact from the furniture and textile manufacture and trade all can have a very definite impact on the future Maiden.

A most important factor in the future growth and development of the planning area will be the desire of the people themselves. Local support will be needed to finance the facilities that will be needed for a larger population. Local business will need to support moves that will encourage growth, such as more and improved housing, community improvement and beautification projections. And, of course, there may be those who prefer no change -- but prefer to have Maiden remain the same quiet town that it has been for several decades. To determine the course that Maiden and its citizens desire, definite goals should be decided by the community and its leaders that are based on what the people want and will be willing to support.